Compensation Claimed by 13th Chogyal of Sikkim

242. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the 13th Chogyal -of Sikkim has claimed an amount of Rs. 110 crores as compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government contemplate in that regard;

(d) whether any high level committee has been constituted to go into details of the claim; and

(e) if so, the details of such body and its meetings, etc?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) Late Shri P.T. Namgyal, Ex-Chogyal of Sikkim, had submitted his claims regarding private estate, private proporties, palace and other properties owned/possessed by him., An inter Ministerial team of Officers of the Ministry of Home, Finance and Law has been set up to consider the various claims and submit recommendations to the Government. The team has had four meetings so far.

Arrest of ISI-Tralncd Bangladeshi National

243. PROF, VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bangladeshi national, trained by ISI to carry out explosions in the capital and various parts of the country, was arrested in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether co-operation of the adjoining countries which are being used as hideouts by ISI and other such elements, has been sought; if so, with what response?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The said Bangladeshi national was arrested Delhi Police recently and two Kgs. of RDX alongwith five detonators were recovered from him. His interrogation also led to arrest of several of his associates.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government have been assured by several neighbouring countries that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Crimes in Delhi

244. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, despite all assurances of security and declarations by Government for maintenance of law and order, free from fear, for citizens of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the spate of murders, robberies and dacoities in Delhi and areas around it continued in December,m 1998 and months following it;

(b) if so, the number of such crimes in and around Delhi in each month since December, 1998 and the comparative figures for corresponding months during the preceding year;'and

(c) the effective steps taken to prevent and effectively curb crimes in the National Capital?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Whereas the number of cases of murder registered a significant decrease from 51 in December, 1998 to 33 in January, 1999 and of robbery from 91 in December, 1998 to 65 in January, 1999,